

# Detecting Transient Surface Features via Dynamic Landmarking

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# Outline

- Goal: Detect transient surface features
  - Pixel-Based Change Detection
  - Landmark-Based Change Detection
- Features: dark slope streaks, dust devil tracks on Mars
- Current Results
- Next Steps



# Transient Surface Features



Image credit: MOC June 12, 2000



April 12, 2002



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# Pixel-Based Change Detection

- Register two images
  - Derive mapping from SIFT features
- Detect pixel changes
  - Create difference image
  - Threshold on difference image



# Pixel-Based Change Detection

Image 1

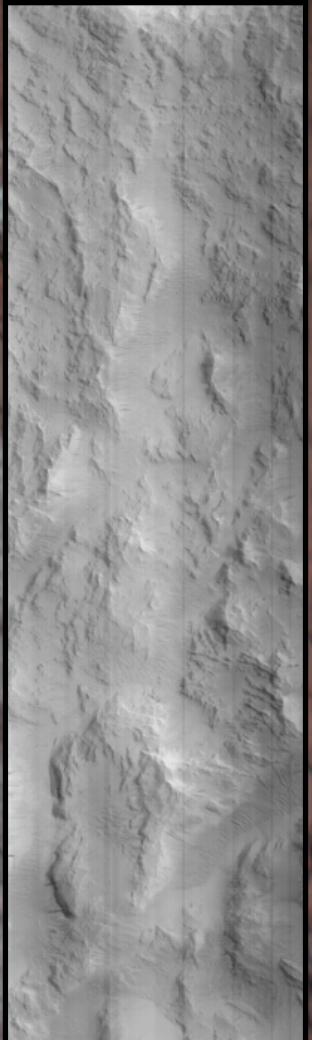
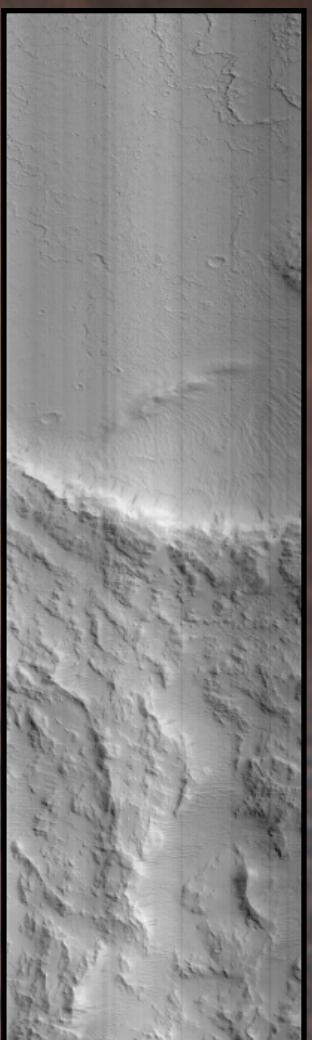


Image 2





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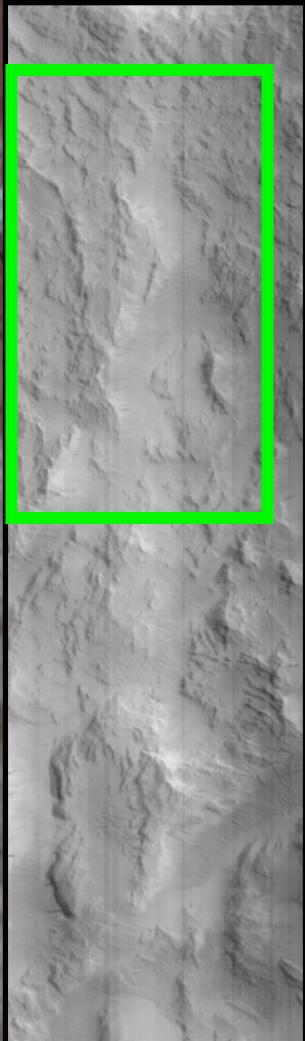
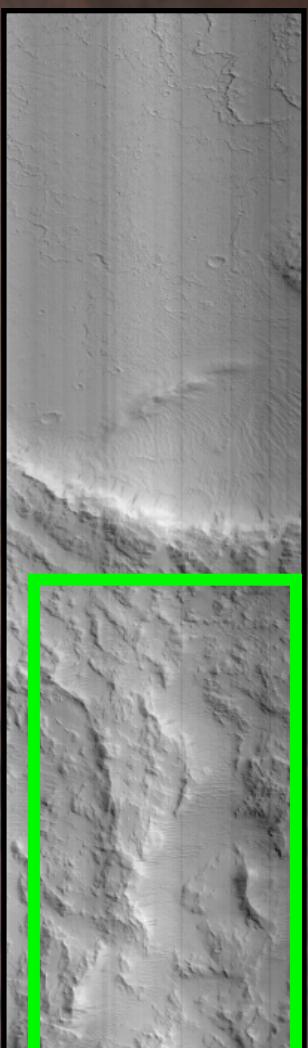


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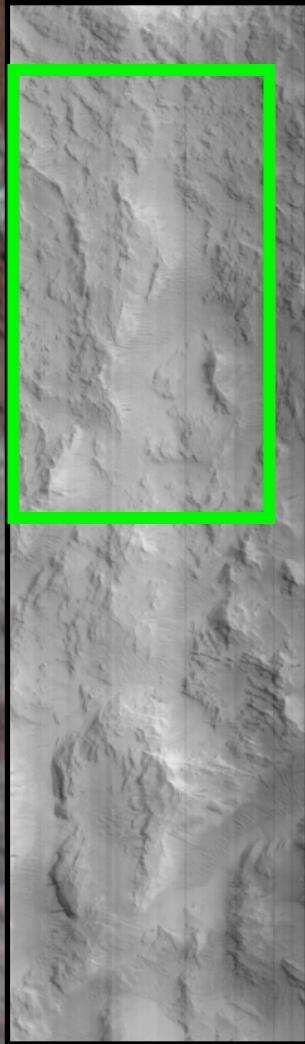
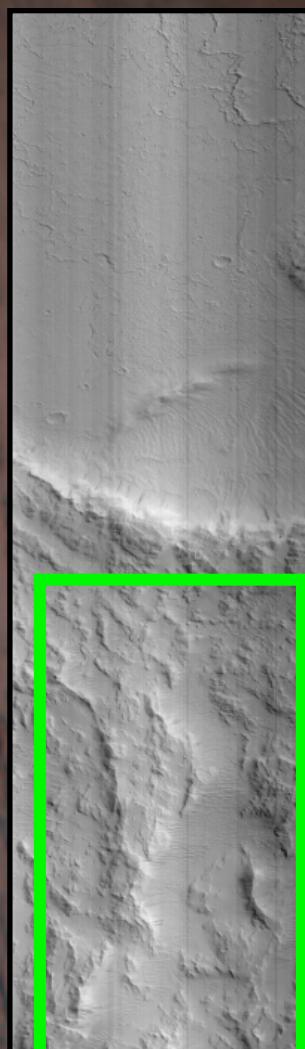
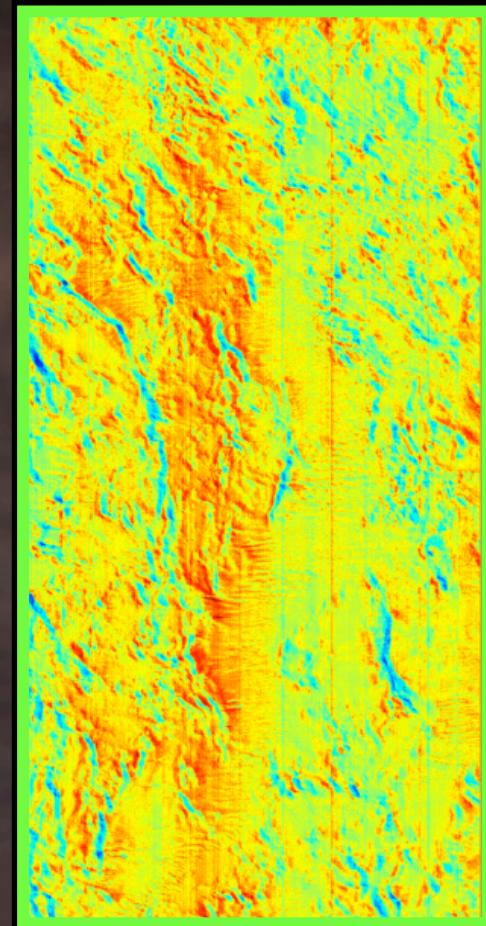


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Difference image



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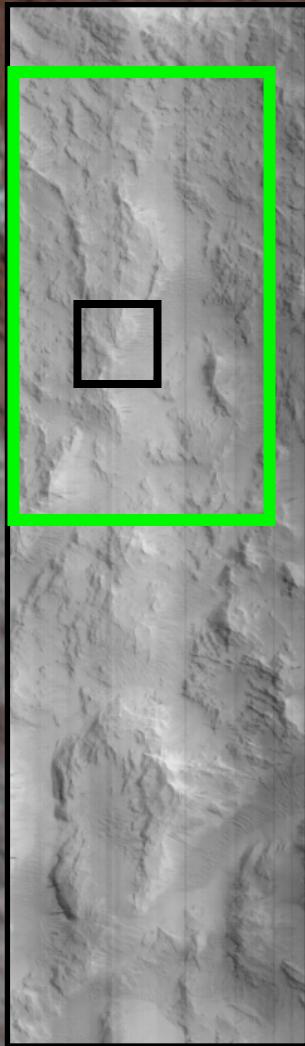
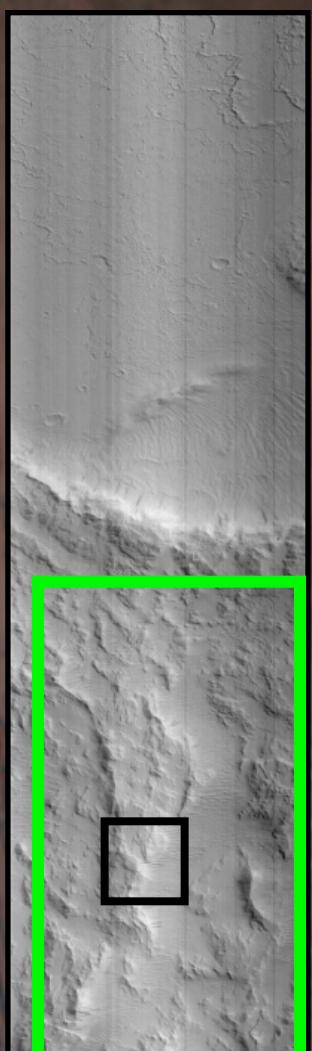
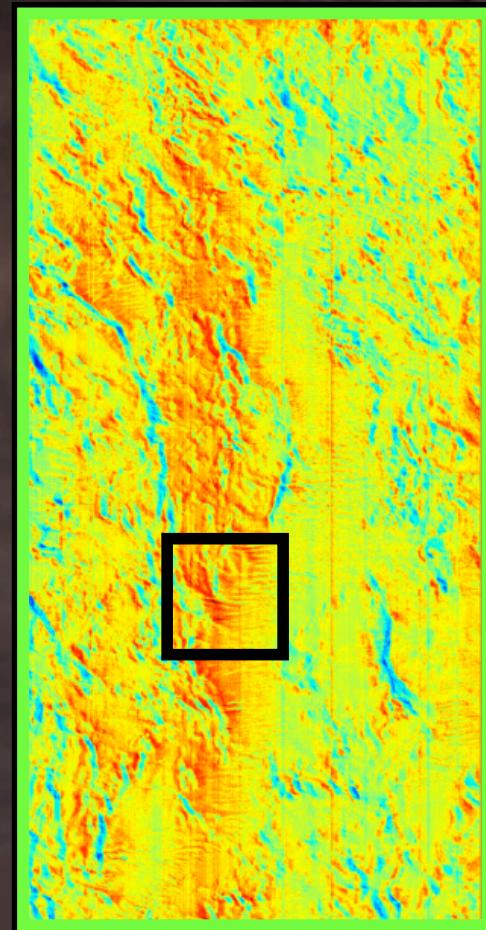


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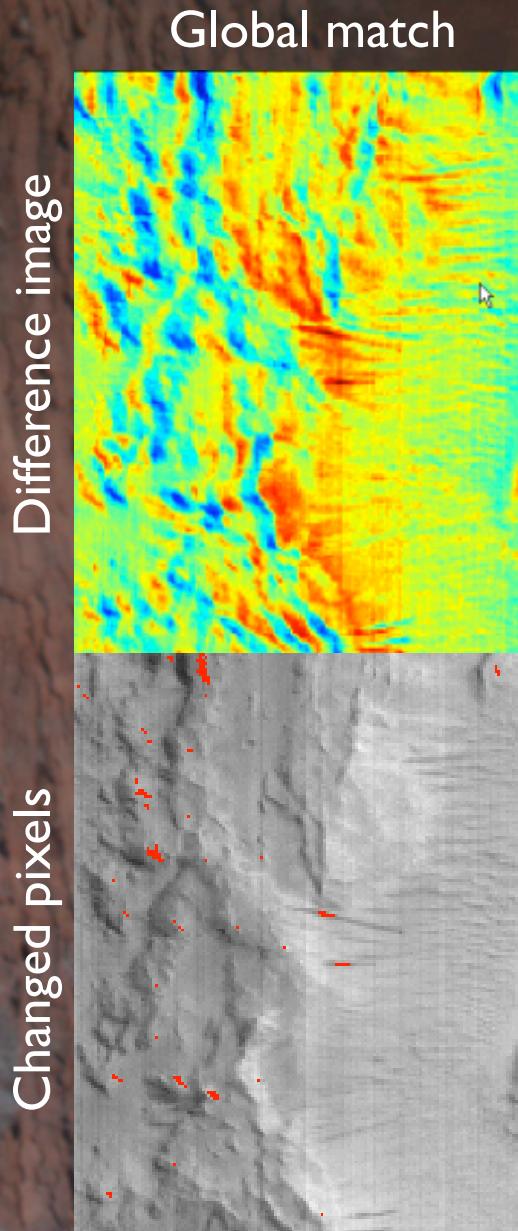
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False color  
indicates  
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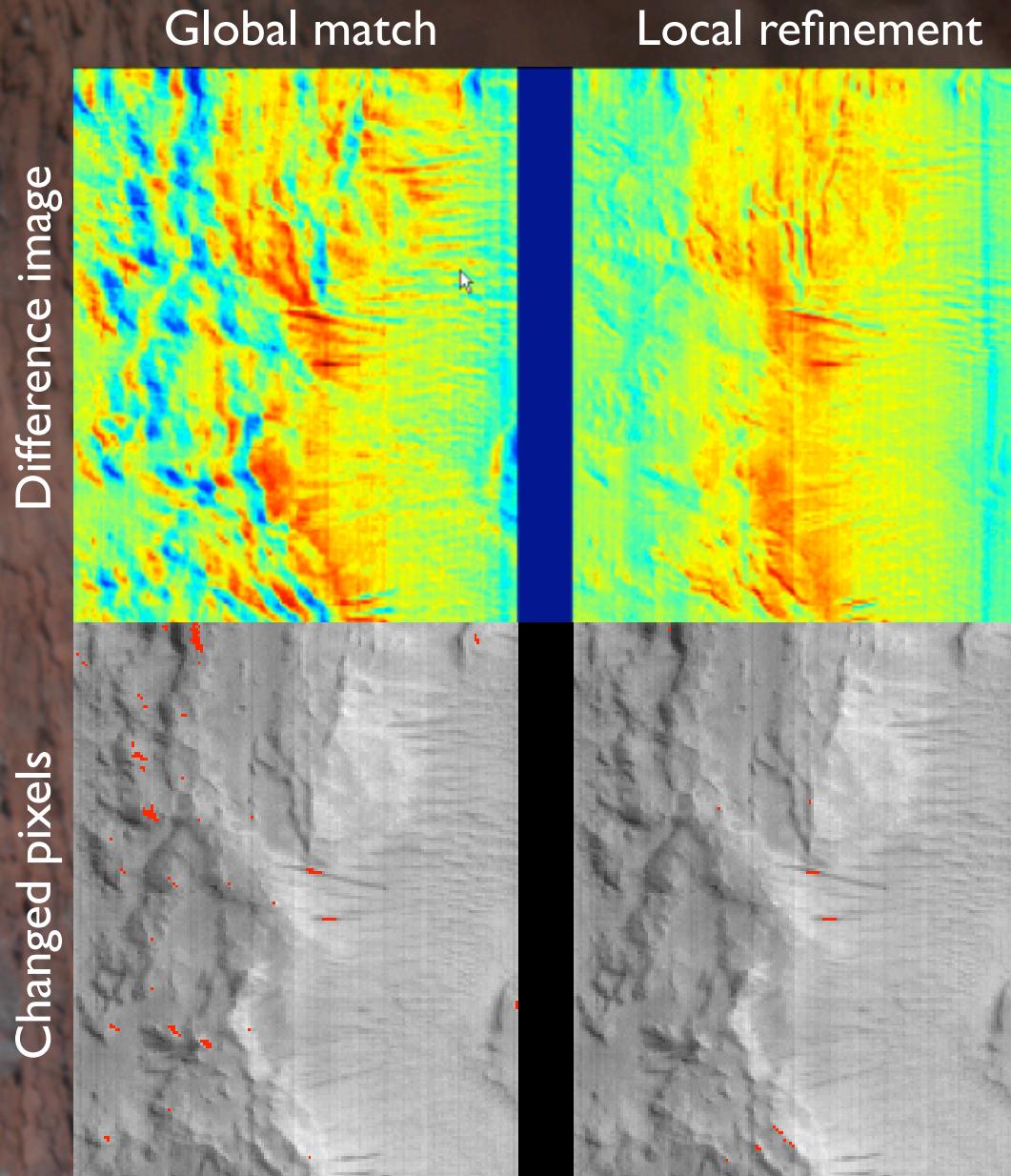
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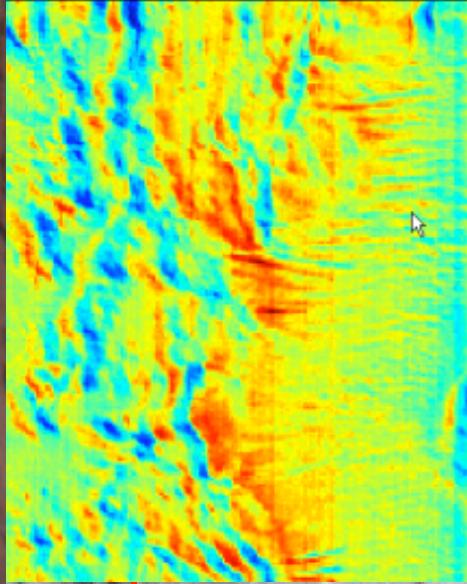
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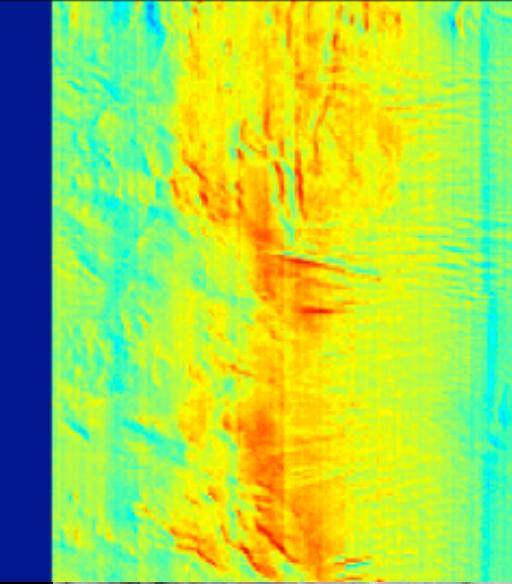
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Changed pixels

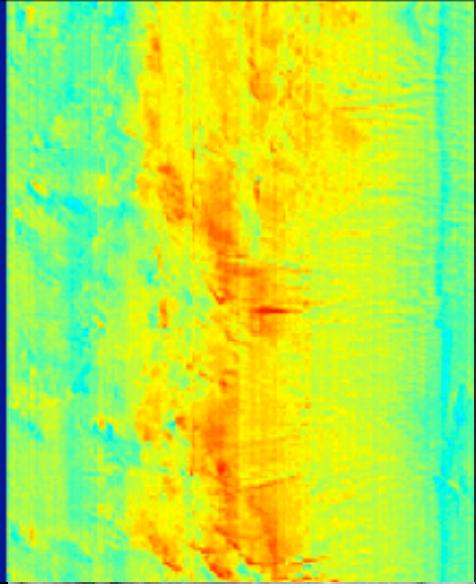
Global match



Local refinement



Quadratic refinement

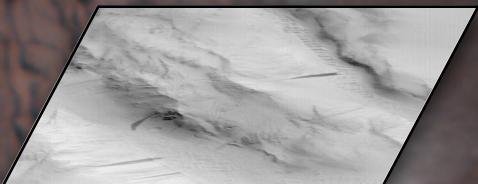




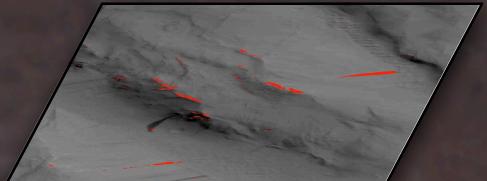
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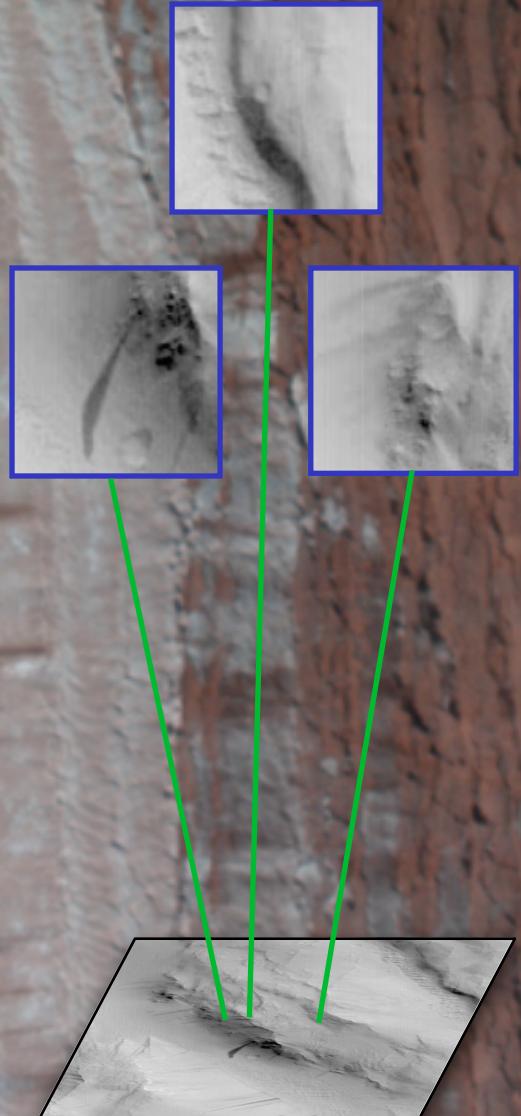
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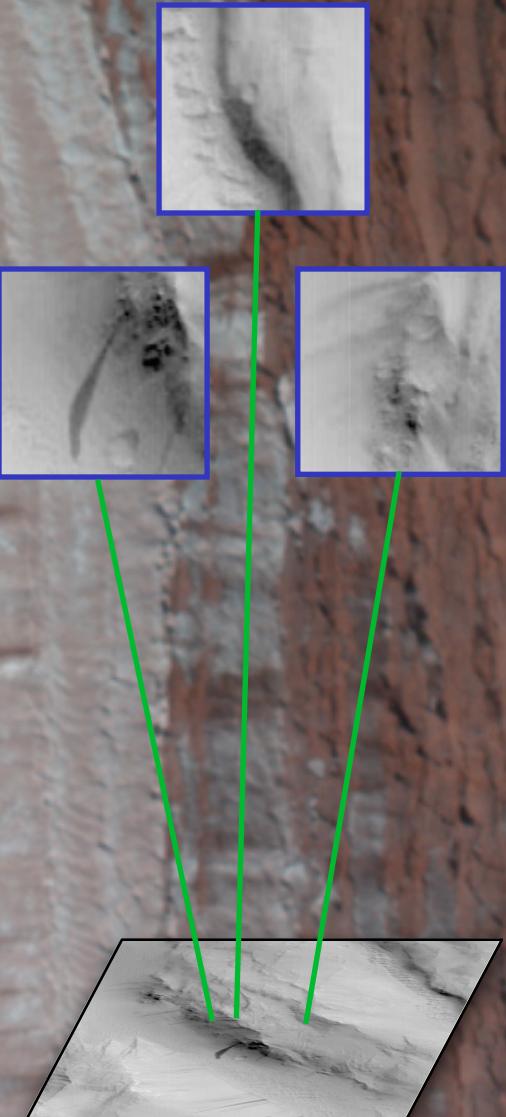
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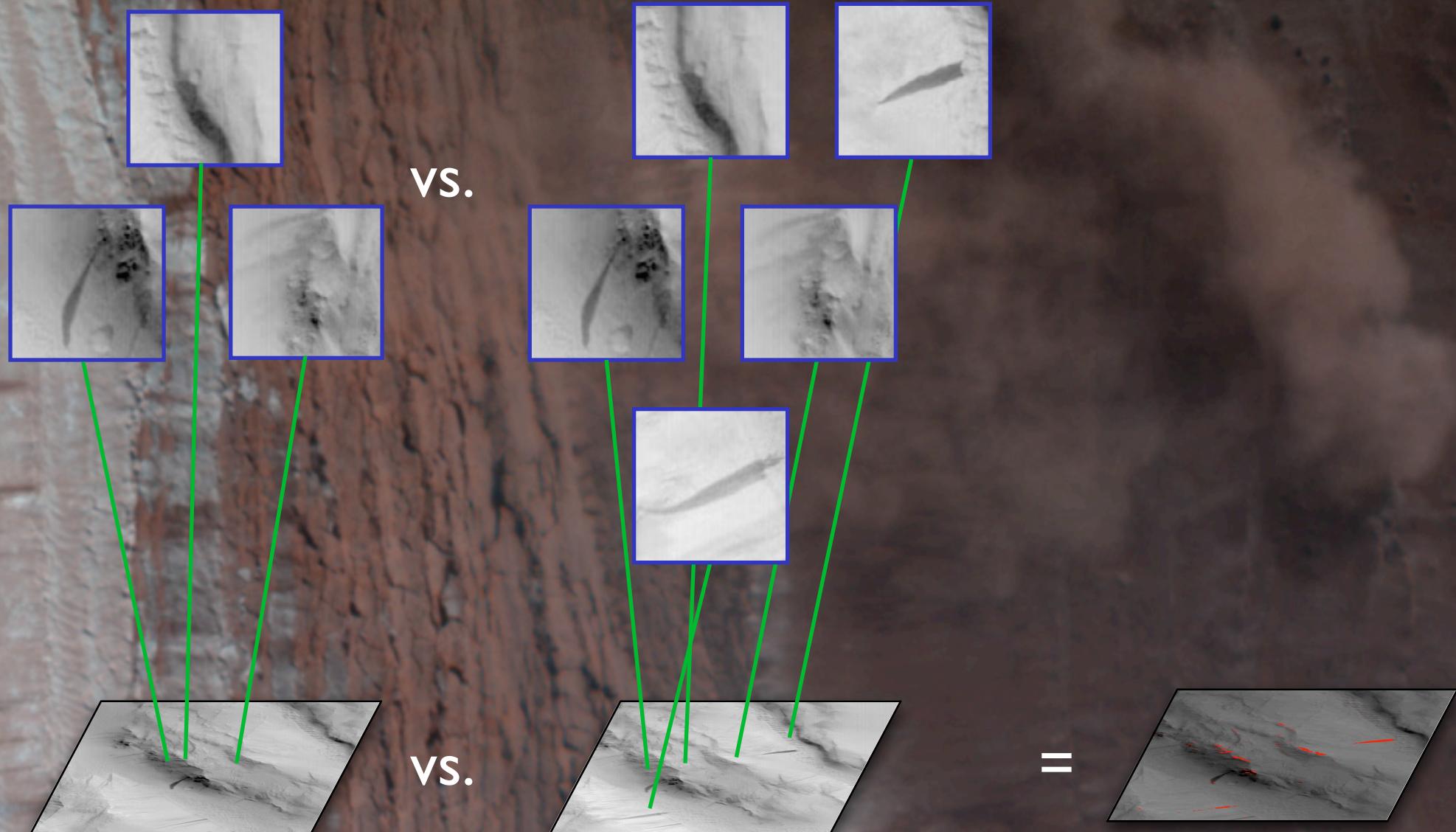
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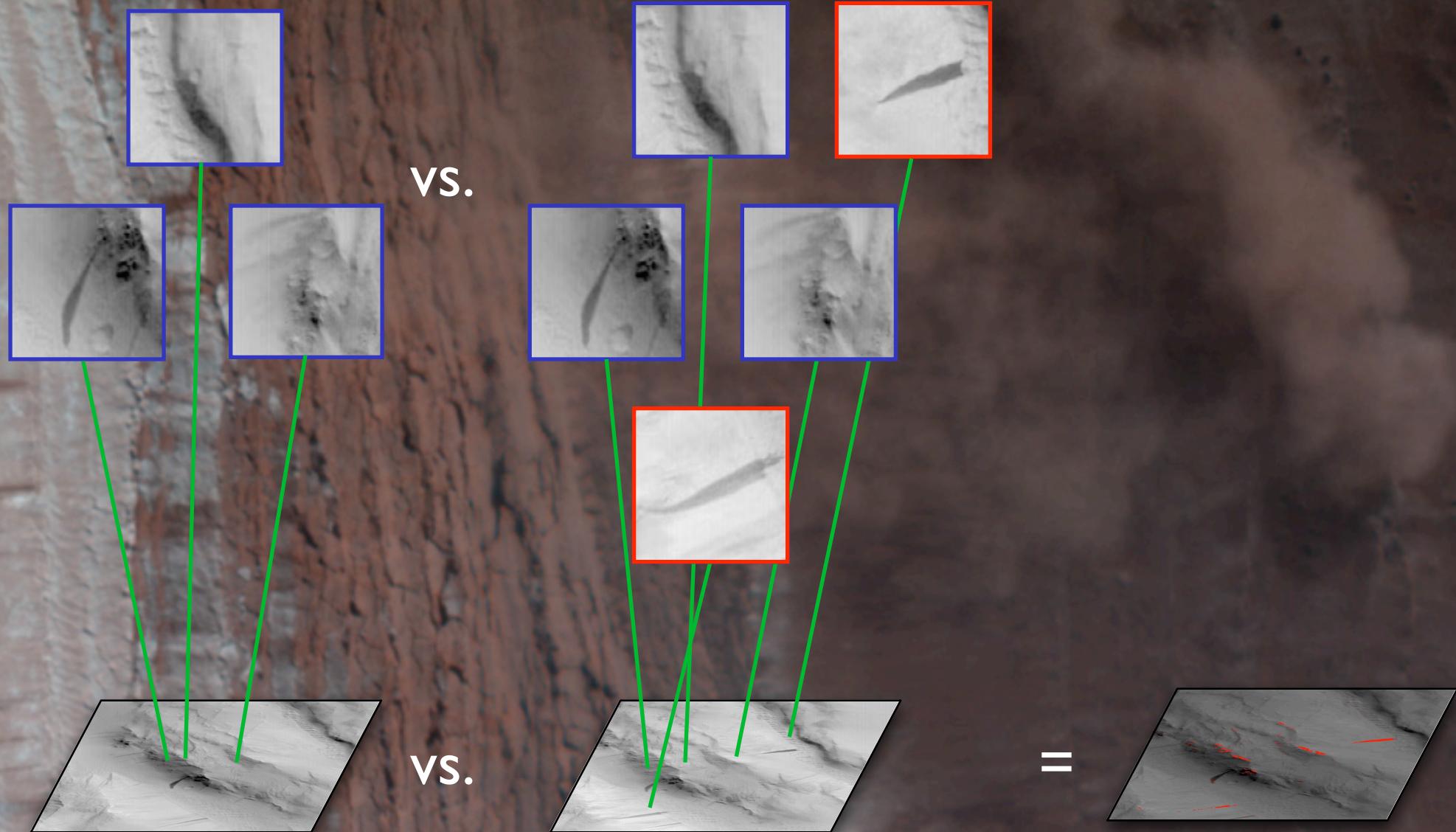
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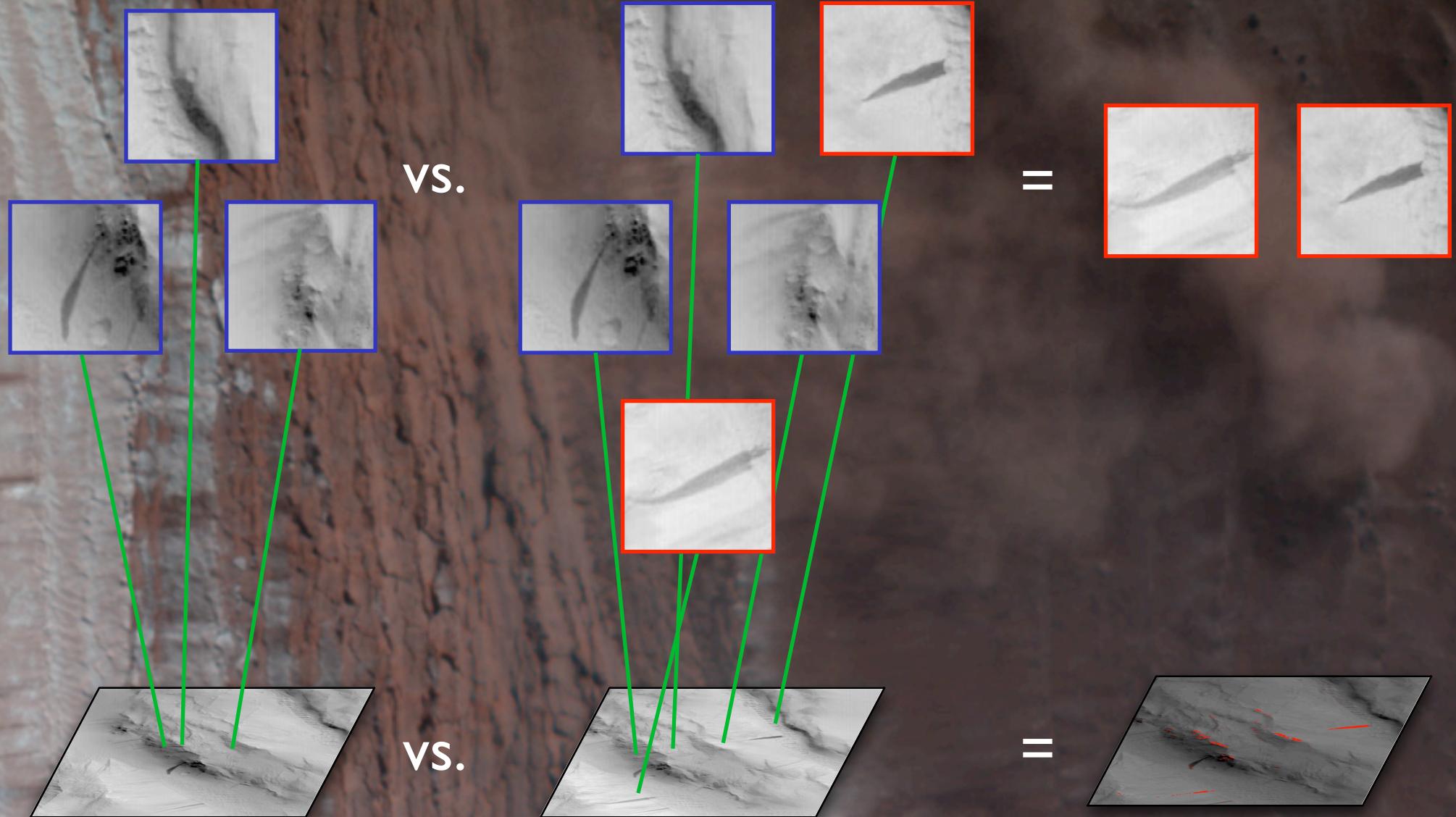
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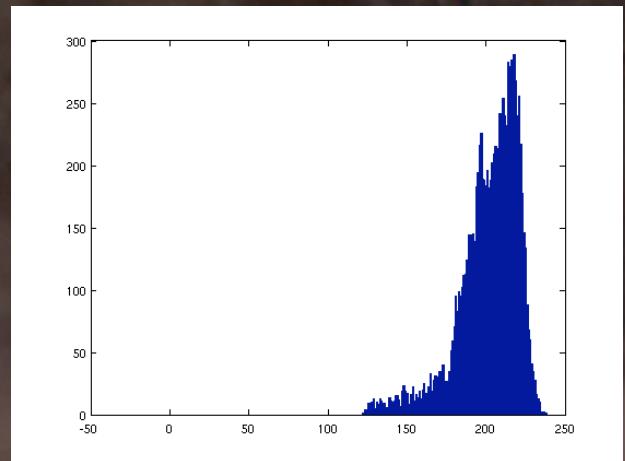
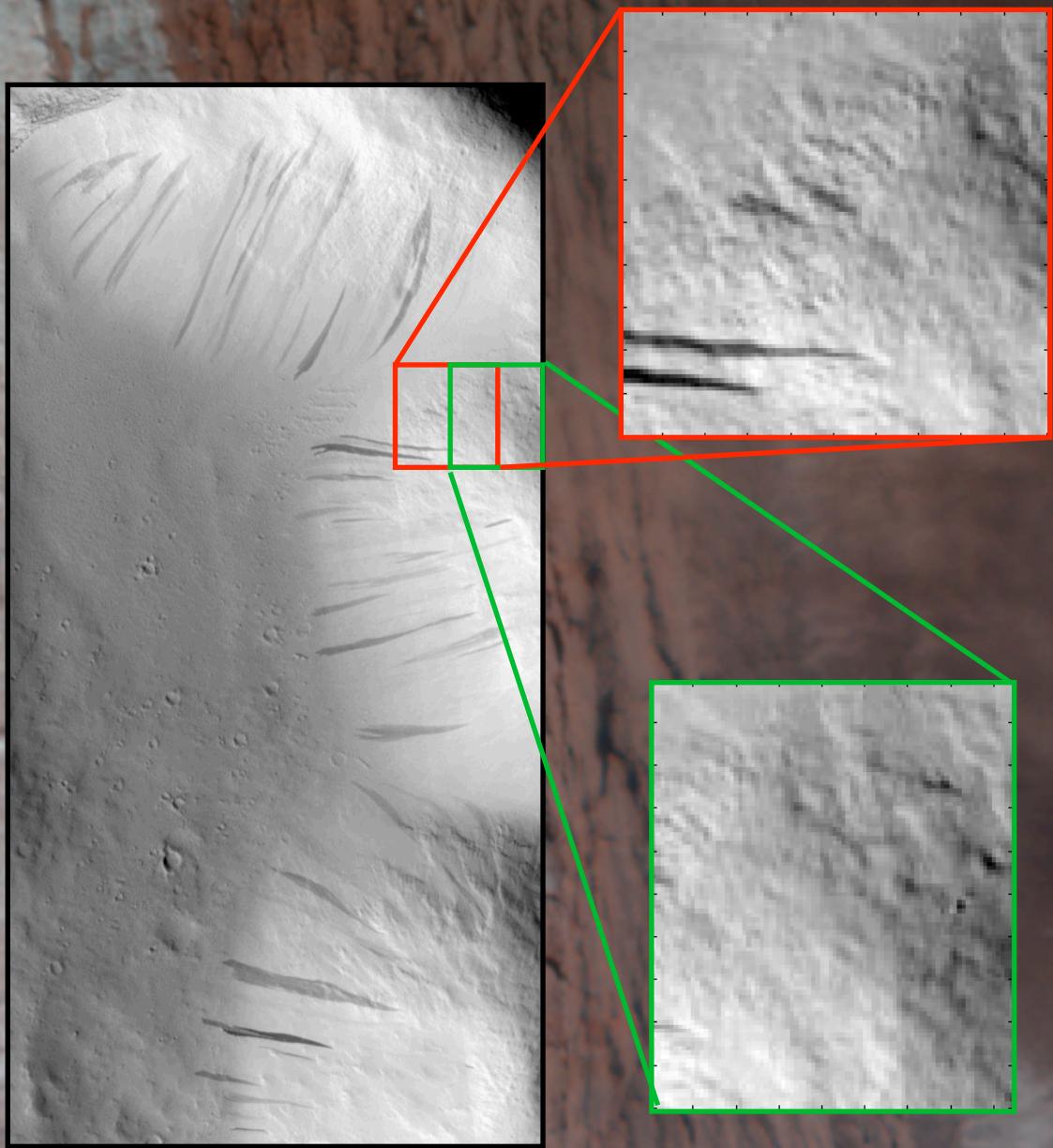
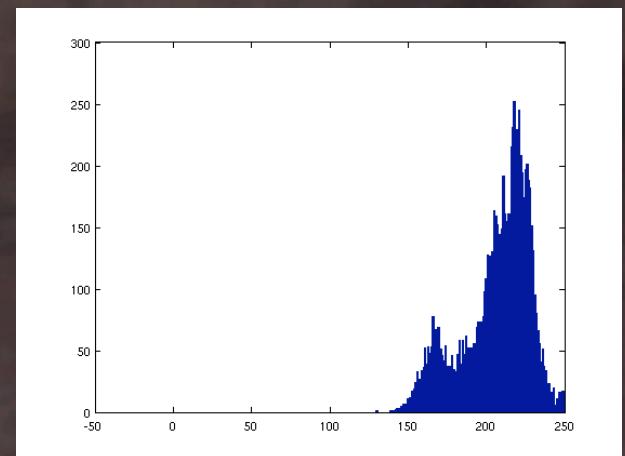


# Landmark-Based Change Detection





# Intensity Histograms

 $w_1$  $w_2$



# Salient Landmark Selection

- How much does a window stand out from its neighbors?

$$D_{KL}(w_1 \parallel w_2) = \sum_i w_1(i) \log \frac{w_1(i)}{w_2(i)}$$

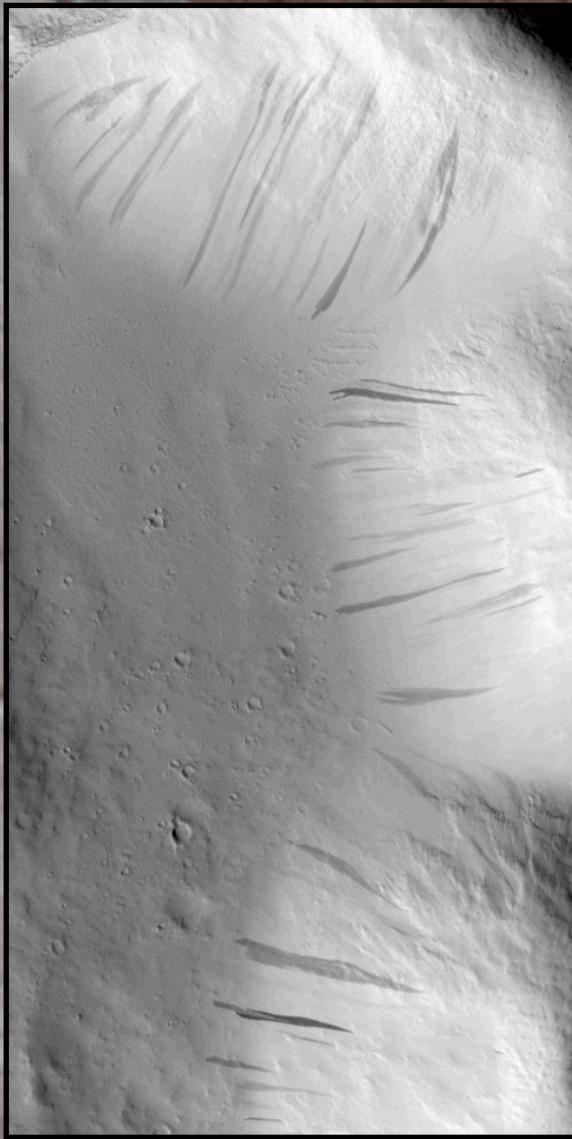
- Sort windows by their average KL-divergence salience (across all neighbors)
- Evaluation:
  - One-to-one matching of detected landmarks and manual annotations for each feature
    - Thank you to science collaborators!



# Dark Slope Streaks

Detections given salience threshold

Original



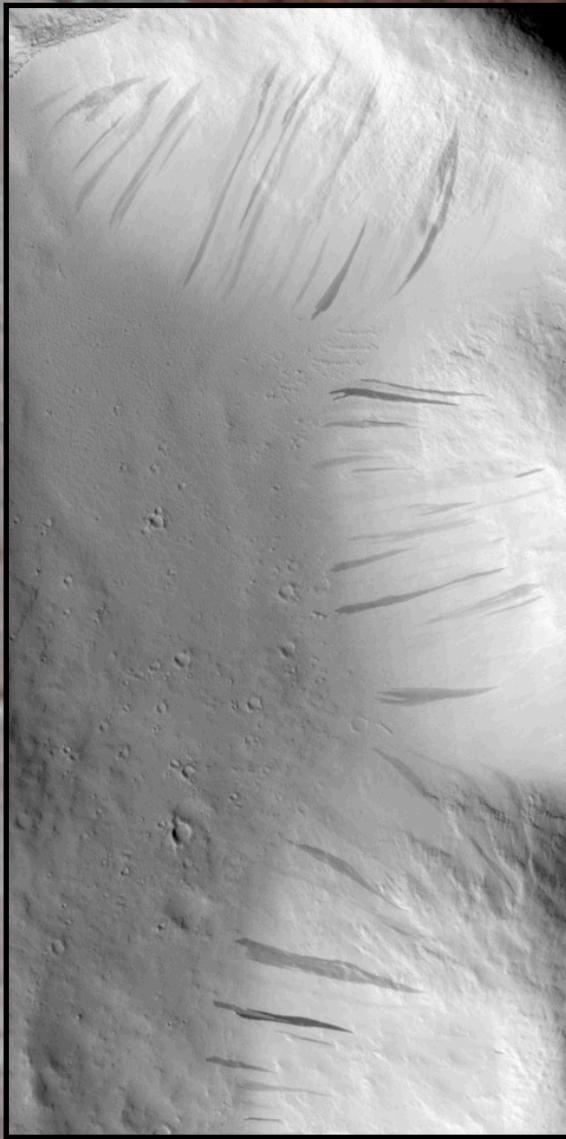
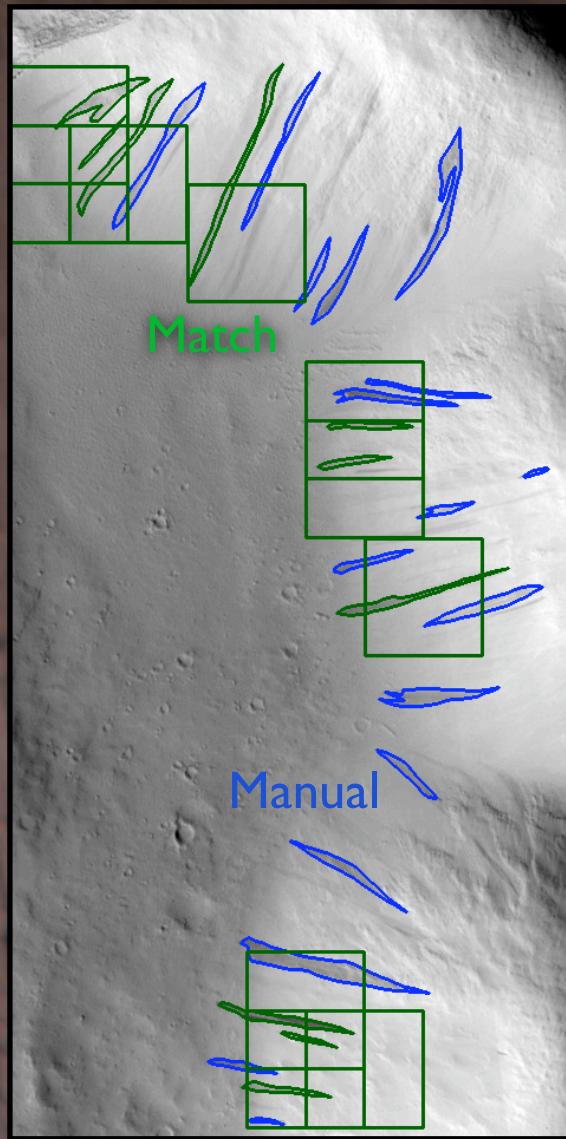
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## Detections given salience threshold

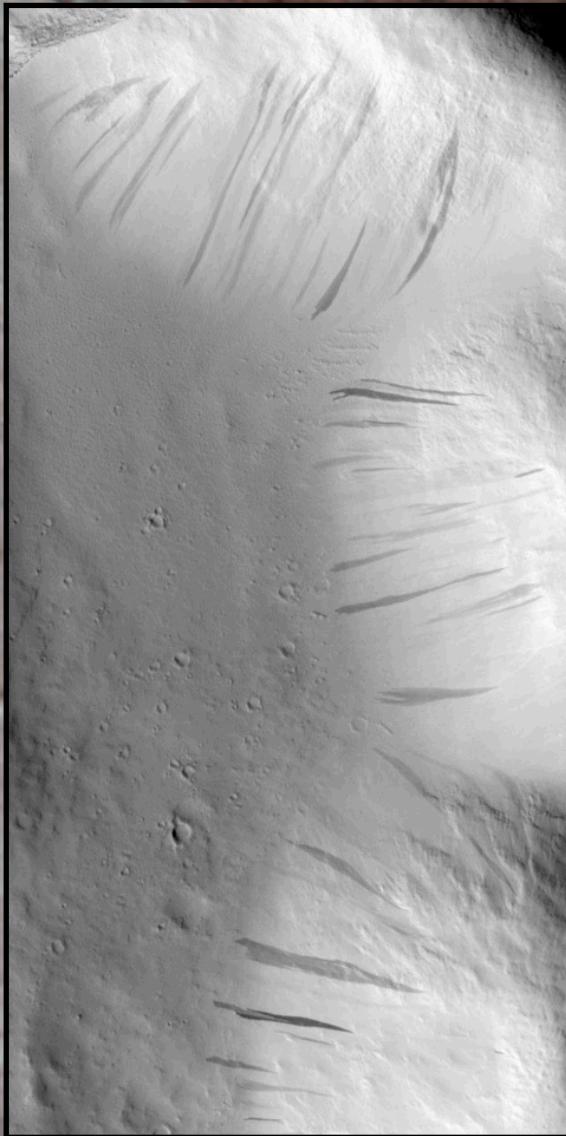
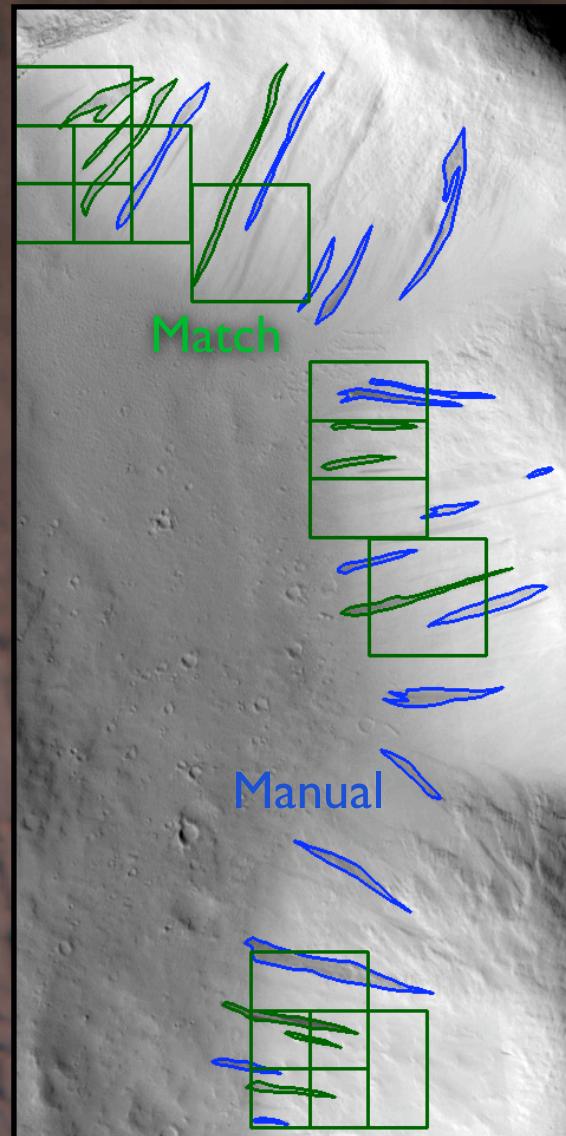
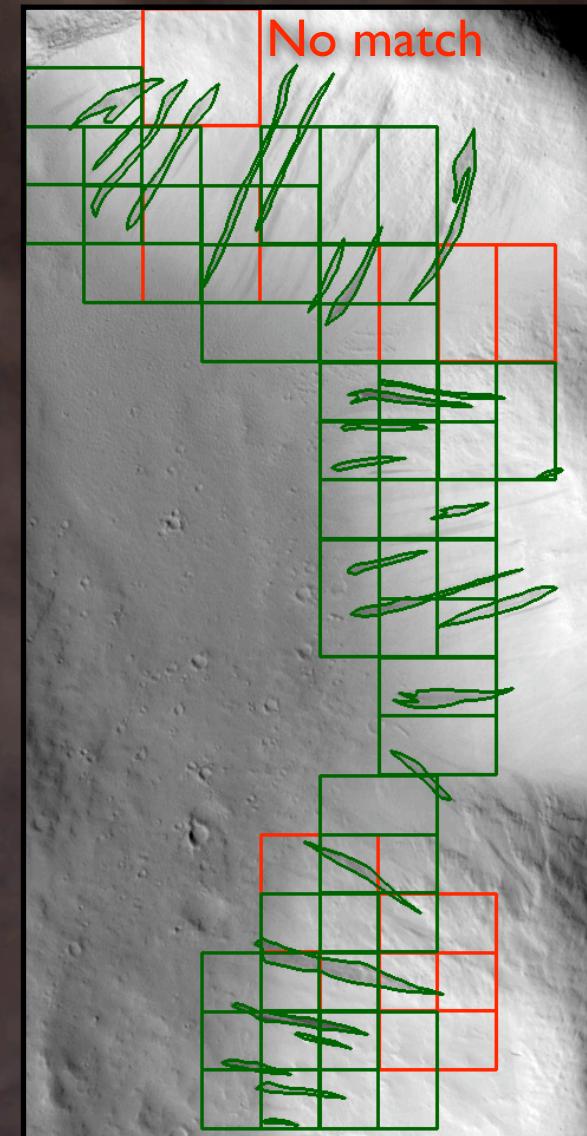
Original

 $\geq 1.89$ 

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## Detections given salience threshold

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 $\geq 1.89$  $\geq 1.45$ 

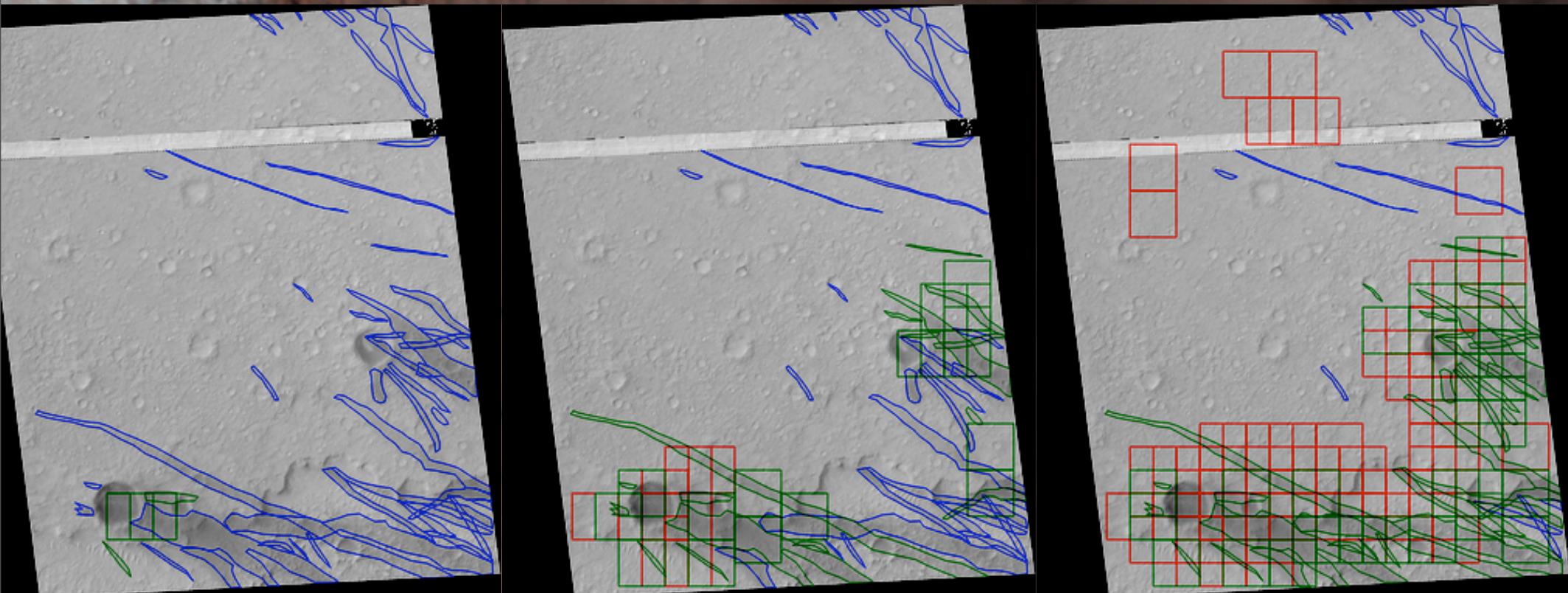
# Dust Devil Tracks

Detections given salience threshold

$\geq 1.96$

$\geq 0.81$

$\geq 0.28$

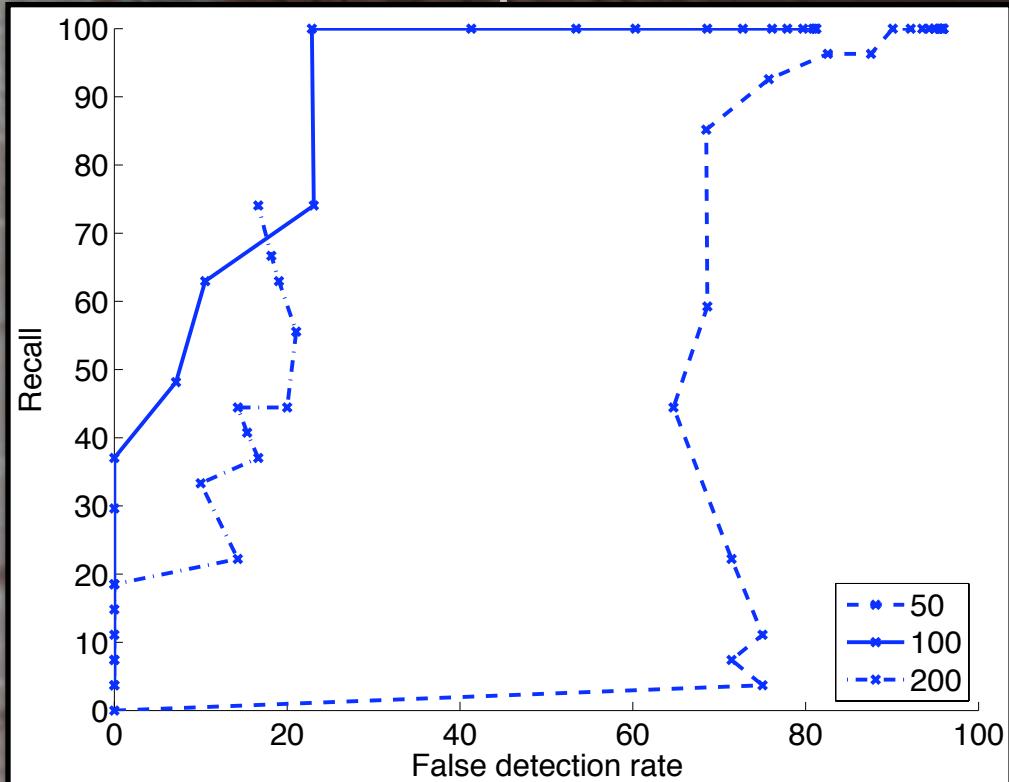


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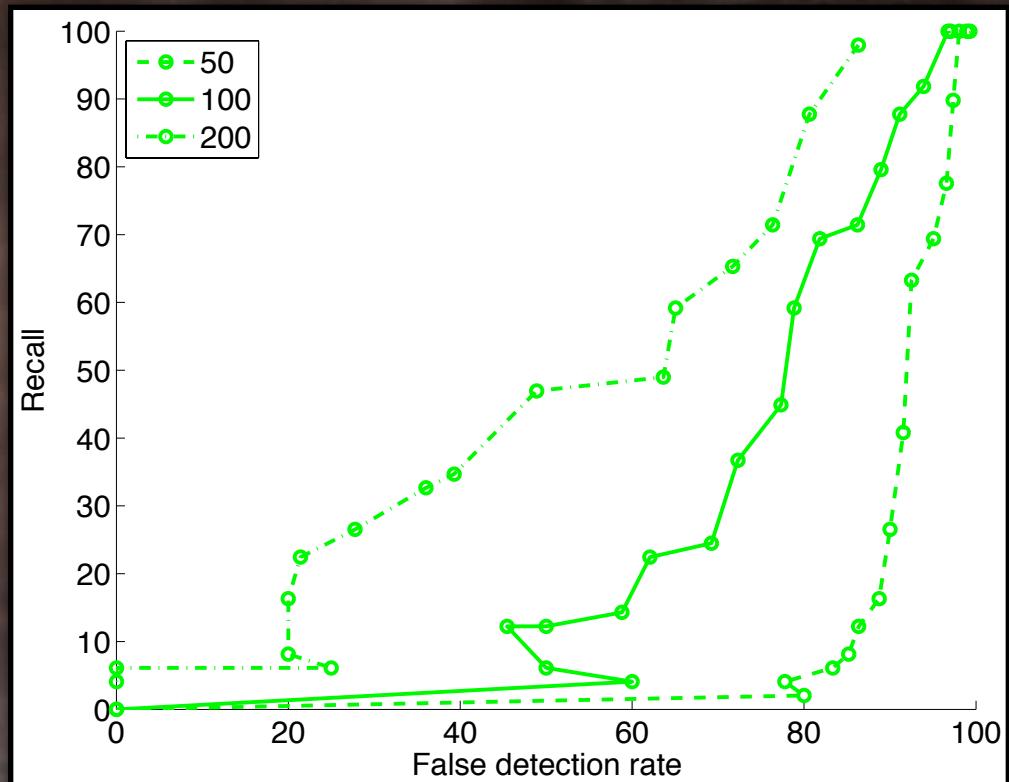
Dust devil track annotations by Melissa Bunte (ASU)

# ROC Curves

Dark Slope Streaks



Dust Devil Tracks

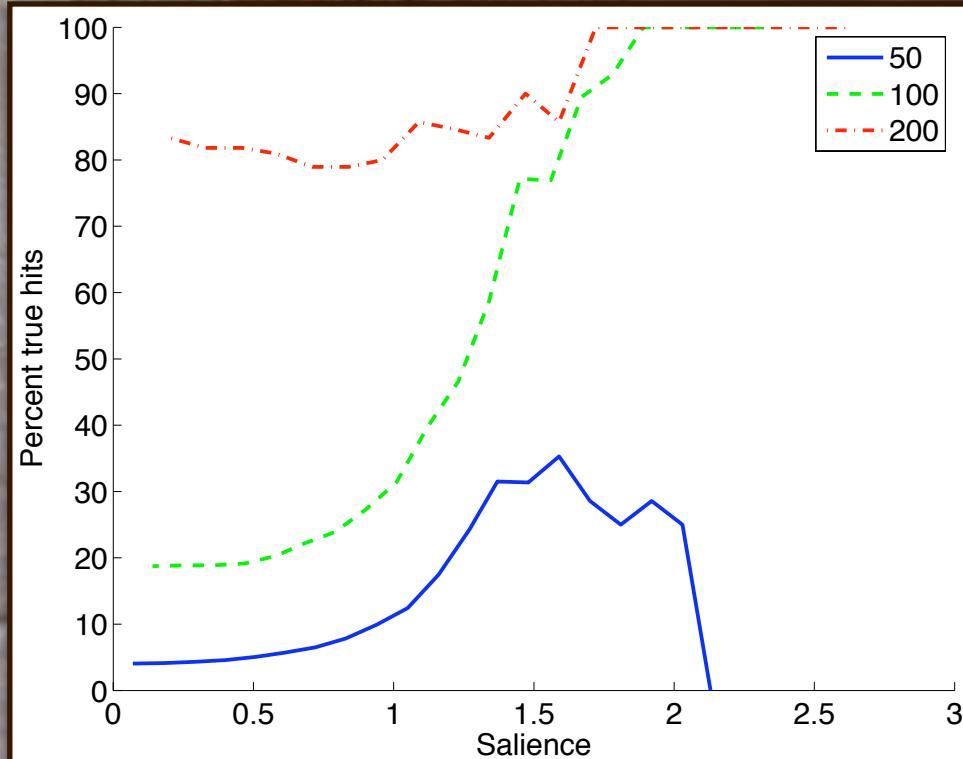


- Dark slope streaks easier to detect reliably
- Window size affects results
- Improve on one-to-one mapping?

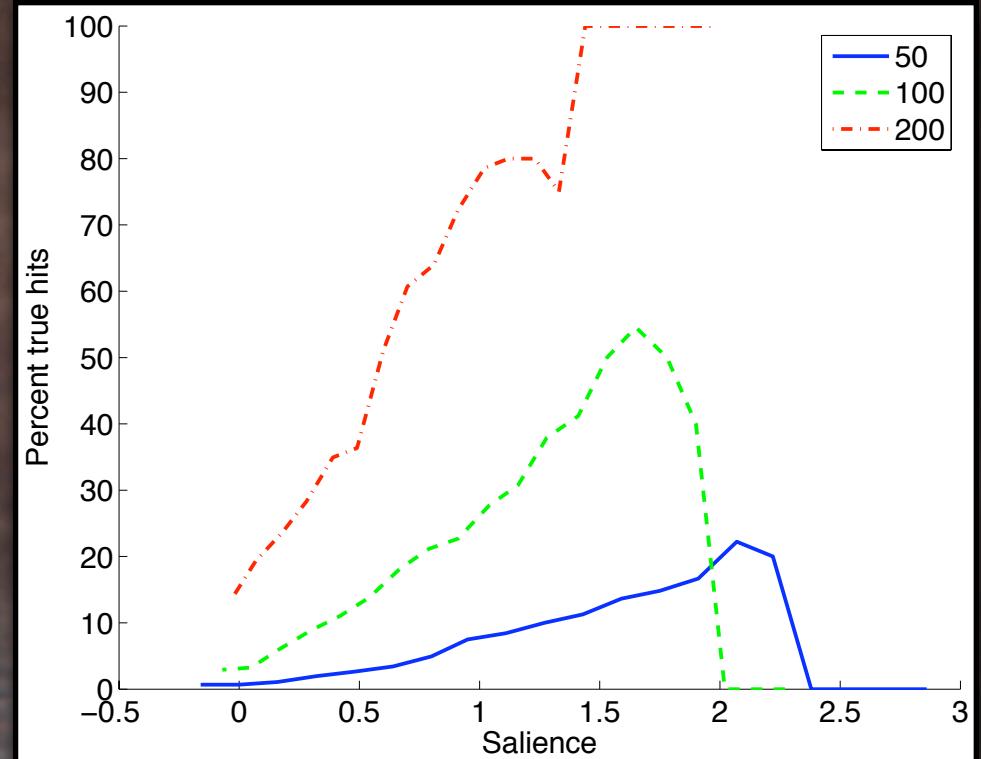
# Landmark Salience

as a function of window size

Dark Slope Streaks



Dust Devil Tracks



- Dark slope streaks more salient than dust devil tracks



# Next Steps

- Change Detection
  - Use mutual information to mark changes
  - Apply landmark detection to difference image
- Landmark Detection
  - Improve efficiency, extend to rectangles
    - Integral Histogram computation [Porikli, 2005]
- Landmark Type Classifier
  - Ridge, crater, streak, track, gully, etc.
  - Summer student: Julian Panetta (Caltech)

Thank you! Any questions?

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